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REFLECTIONS on the present *State of Affairs*; occasioned by the late *Craftsman*.

THERE is nothing requires greater Observation, or more Art and Delicacy, than drawing the Characters of Men; for every Man must be distinguished from all others, by his peculiar Passions, the several Degrees and Variations of 'em, by his Knowledge, and the several Kinds of it, by his Pursuits in Life, and by the various Methods he takes to gratify his Passions and accomplish his Desires. But tho' this Art is hard to be obtained, yet *drawing Characters* after the Manner of the last *Craftsman*, is the easiest thing in the World; 'tis not indeed *drawing*, but *dawbing*; 'tis not *a just Use* of Things or Words, but *a notorious and manifest Abuse* of both; 'tis sinning against all the Laws of Honesty, Propriety and Decorum; Charges are made, not only *without Evidence* and *without Reason*, but Things affirmed *against the Evidence of Common Sense*, and which 'tis impossible should be true; nor are there any Qualifications necessary to form *his Character of a Mock Minister*, but Insolence, Malice, and a small Talent of Ridicule: And yet this *Mock Minister*, dress'd up in all these *ridiculous Robes*, is not half so odious as *the Mock Patriot* who dress'd him; for the *Mock Minister* only mimicks *Abilities or Arts*, which he has not; but *the Mock Patriot mimicks Virtues, the highest Virtues, and yet does not possess one of 'em*: He *counterfeits publick Virtue*, while he is infamously *abusing the Public*; and clothes himself with *Love of Country*, while he is making a Jest *of his Country*, and endeavouring to do all possible Injuries to *that very Community*, for whose *highest Good* he *pretends the highest Regard. He betrays, while he says, Hail, Master!* There has not been an Action done by the Government, but *this Mock Patriot* has labour'd to render *ridiculous or odious* to the Public. The King and his Ministers, only because they have tried all possible Ways to preserve the Peace of *Europe*, and the Trade and Prosperity of the Kingdom, are said to be *the Dupes of all the Powers of Europe*, and call'd, *political Mendicants, strolling from Court to Court*. As soon as 'tis reported that we are *negotiating a Treaty*, and before they can possibly know any thing of it, the Authors of the *Craftsman* are loading it with Difficulties. Those *political Monsters* stand ready to destroy it. They will not wait, such is their Impatience to distress their Country, till the Birth of the Treaty; but are *eager to murder it* before 'tis born, especially, if they apprehend it has a strong Tendency to *heal all Differences*.

Such a Liberty was never taken with any Government; nor is it possible, that a Government can long subsist which is made *the constant and standing Jest* of every Buffoon-Writer, and weekly represented to the People as *the weakest and worst Administration* in the World. *These Men* may boast of Queen ELIZABETH's Reign, and propose it to us for an Example; but *they know*, that had any Person wrote *such a Paper* as the last Craftsman, *against her Measures and her Ministry*, he would as certainly have been hanged, as he wrote: Let them think of that when *they triumph in the Liberty* of one of the best of our former Reigns; and thank God that they live under the mildest and best Government in the World.

But to go on with *these Writers*; they are so fond of abusing the Government, that they will run themselves into *absolute Nonsense* to abuse it; they say *we are inexcusable for not having foreseen and prevented those Conjunctures, in which nothing can be done which is not a Fault to do*. What Conjunctures are those, in which a Man is not at Liberty *to act reasonably and honestly*? And can it ever be a Fault to *act reasonably and honestly*? Again, they affirm, *that since the Ages of Miracles, there neither is nor hath been, any* EXTREAM SITUATION (such as ours) ABSOLUTELY DECIDED IN GOOD OR ILL, WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF MEN; and I affirm, that before and since the Age of Miracles, there neither is, or hath been a Sentence of more *absolute confirmed Stupidity, or more thick mature Dulness than this*. Look on it; *extream Situation* ABSOLUTELY DECIDED IN GOOD OR ILL, *without the Concurrence of Men*. *This Concurrence of Men*, is brought in to shew, that not *Fortune*, but *the Ministry* have led us into this *extream Situation, absolutely decided in Ill*. And to make these Writers easy, we'll disown *the Power and the Existence of Fortune too*; and fairly own, that all things in this World are brought about by *human Wisdom or Folly*, or a *Mixture of both*. But what then? Does it follow, that if there are *unhappy Conjunctures* in *Europe*, the *English* Ministry are the Cause of them? Are there not *other Courts*, and *other Ministries*? Must we be supposed able *to do all things*, to *foresee* all Evils, and to *prevent* all Evils which we have reason to apprehend, or which may possibly happen?

But because *these Writers* say, *that we are now in such Circumstances, in which we can't act at all without a Fault; nor do what is right, without doing what is wrong*; tho' 'tis absolutely impossible there should be *any such Circumstances*; yet we will try what they say *upon the Treaty of Seville*, and our *supposed Negotiations* with the Emperor.

The Treaty of *Seville* might, when 'twas made, be perfectly suited to the Circumstances of Affairs in *Europe*, and be the properest Method which could be thought of, to *compose Differences*; and yet, from what has since happen'd, there may be very good Reasons why 'tis not executed. By this Treaty, we only yielded to the Court of *Spain*, a Point which, *in real Interest*, concerned none of the Contending Powers. There might, indeed, be some Reason to apprehend, that the Imperial Court would not be pleas'd to have *Spain* taken out of their Hands; but, the Affair of DON CARLOS, and the *small Variation* from the former Treaty, by turning *Neutral* into *Spanish Troops*, could not be apprehended of so much Importance to the Emperor, as to make him hazard a War against *England, France, Spain* and *Holland*. Nor can it be imagin'd, that he would have put himself to the Charge of sending so many Troops into *Italy* to oppose the Design of this Treaty, had he not been inform'd, that the Allies could not agree about the War: He might discover, that *one Ally* was for a *general War* in *Europe*, and the *other Allies* only for a *particular War* in *Italy*: Or, *all the Allies* might agree, *for the sake of Peace*, to wait *one Year* to see what the Emperor would do; and, upon his Non-compliance, resolve to execute the Treaty next Summer. If either of *these Suppositions* be the Case, here is *a Reason* at hand why the Treaty of *Seville* is not *yet executed*; without any Charge of *Perfidy* or *Dishonesty in us*: for, we could not be obliged to execute this Treaty *alone*; nor could we be under any Obligation to execute it in such a Manner, as would involve all the neighbouring Powers in a War, only to gratify one Ally, at the Expence of the Safety and Welfare of the others. So that, if such Divisions have arisen about this Affair, as have made it *impracticable or unreasonable* to execute the Treaty, 'twas then *Right*, not to do it; or, if the Allies agreed, for the Good of *Europe*, to delay the Execution of it till next Spring, they *had a Right to do it*; for all Nations have, at all times, a *Right to do* whatever tends to *produce the most Good*: From whence it follows, that 'tis monstrously absurd, to say, *we can't do what is Right, without doing what is Wrong*. But those Men never shew'd any *Signs of Reasoning*; nor do they seem able to put down *two Ideas*, and from those, infer *a Third*. Their Business is *Description, Defamation, and Scandal*; of which, it must be own'd, they have given us a very pretty Specimen. So eager are they to defame, that they run *into Contradictions*. In one part of the *last Paper*, they say, we gave *pacifick Instructions* to the Admiral, *tho' Spain was actually at War with us, and attacking one of our most valuable Possessions*: And yet, a little lower, they affirm, if we do go to War with *Spain*, it must be *a War purely Ministerial*. Yes to be sure, neither forc'd upon us *by Injuries*, nor, *provok'd by Insults!*

Towards the Close, they ask a Thousand Questions; but all of 'em are ask'd for the sake of *the two last*. Here they are: Mayn't *this Measure* of making up with the Emperor, be attended with worse Consequences, than *turning out the Minister*? And, Secondly, is it not easy to shew, that some of *these Objections* would not lie so strongly against *this Measure*, if carried on by any other *than the present Minister*? Ay, now the whole Truth appears; the *sole Reason* of asking all these Questions, *the sole Reason* of Writing the late *Craftsman*, and, indeed, of Writing all the *Craftsmen*, is now *uncautiously* blab'd out. But *these Writers* may, with equal Justice, affirm, that we can't *reasonably* make up with the Emperor, till we have *another King*, as well *as another Minister*. Let 'em consider that. — I'll say no more, because I scorn to press them where they are not at Liberty to speak: I will take *the Minister*, and do affirm, that whatever is *right for others to do*, in the present Juncture of Affairs, is *right for him to do*. Nothing can be more absurd than supposing, as the *Craftsmen* does, that what would be certainly *right in other Persons*, would be *wrong in him*; for, *Persons* don't alter the *Relations of Things*, or change *the Nature of Actions*: If 'tis *reasonable*, at this Time, to unite with the Emperor; 'tis *equally reasonable*, whoever does it, whether *this Minister*, or another; for it can't be *reasonable* to make up with the Emperor, unless 'tis reasonable. *notwithstanding all former Treaties and Contracts*: and, if 'tis *reasonable*, notwithstanding all former Treaties and Contracts, 'tis *equally reasonable*, whatever Head contrives it, or Hand executes it, whether *the Minister* who made those Treaties, or the Minister who did no. So that *there lies no Obligation upon the King to turn out the Minister*, in order to make a Treaty with the Emperor. For which Demonstration in *the Minister's Favour*, I expect the Thanks of every true *Englishman*.

F. OSBORNE.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Gibraltar, Dec. 8.

SOME Days ago an Algerine Rover was driven, by bad Weather, into this Bay; and General Sabine had Notice of his having three Genoese Mariners of this Place on board; upon which he demanded them of the Captain, who shewed a great unwillingness to part with them; but at last, upon Conviction of their being really Inhabitants of this Town, they were surrendered, and solemn Procession has been made, and a Thanksgiving for their Delivery.

Seville, Dec. 22. The Marquis de Quelus, Captain General, the Count de Montemar, and several other General Officers, are arrived here, to assist at a great Council of War, which is shortly to be held at Court. The King has conferred upon the Count de Fuenclara, Son-in-Law to the Marquis de Castellar, the Dignity of Grandee of Spain, for him and his Heirs; and 'tis said that Lord will be nominated Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the States General of the United Provinces. His Majesty has nominated Dr. Don Pedro de Avila y Cardenas, Canon of Valladolid, to the Bishoprick of the Canary Islands. They write from Cadiz, that four Men of War were upon the point of sailing thence with some Troops to Porto Longone, to change the Garrison of that Place; and that they had buried, from the 26th of November to the 19th of December, 347 Persons, without reckoning the Poor and those that died in the Hospital, who were buried without Ceremony.

Paris, Jan. 17. M. de Figeac, Knight of the Royal and Military Order of St. Lewis, and Ayde Major of the Town of St. Venant, died there the 5th Instant, aged 113 Years. He had been in the Service ever since he was 16 Years old, having been a Soldier under Lewis XIII. In 1665, he was made an Officer in the Regiment of Champagne; and two Months before he died he performed the Duty of his Office, having retain'd his Senses to the last Moment of his Life.

Cadiz, Jan. 1. The Garland Man of War, Capt. Cockayne, is arrived here from England, to take on Board a Packet for Carthegena or Porto Bello, relating to the South-Sea Company's Ship Prince William; and as the said Packet came down last Night, she will depart with it as soon as the Weather will permit, which for this Week past has been very bad, with hard Gales: The Ships in our Bay have rode safe; but the Friendship, a new Brig, James Eves Master, designed in here from Malaga to fill up for Bristol, run on the Point of St. Sebastian's Rocks, to the Westward of this City, and overset, but the Weather proving mild, she was soon righted again, and about one third Part of her Cargo was taken up, when a Gale at South springing up, she was soon broke to pieces, but her Crew was saved: Several dead Bodies have been drove ashore, which by their Dress are supposed to be English Sailors. Our Sickness is entirely at an End, on which Account Yesterday Te Deum was sung in our Cathedral Church, and in a Day or two we are to have a Grand Procession. The Indulto and Delivery of the Flota's Treasure, &c. is still suspended.

Leghorn, Dec. 30. Our last Letters from Corsica import, that the Rebels of that Island had attack'd and defeated a Detachment of 100 Genoese Soldiers; and that they were posted so advantagiously, that it is impossible to force them without a considerable Army.

Edinburgh, Jan. 5. The following Letter has been sent to the Rev. Mr. Deans, Minister at Bowden.

Worthy Sir,

PEnny Wise and Pound Fool, is you know, a good Scots Proverb; Better half an Egg as toom Doup. Nothing venture, nothing have. But without further Preface, for *verbum sapienti sat*, you are hereby desired, by Order from the Society of Undertakers, to have Five Guineas in Readiness, upon a Call for them, some Night betwixt this and Candlemas next; we forbear to name a Night or an Hour, lest it might tempt you to what would be but in vain for yourself, and disobliging to us, in setting a Watch I mean; which Five Guineas, for it is desired they may be in Gold, if you frankly deliver to the Person who is to call for them, and give you the Word *Berwick Law*, they shall be faithfully return'd you in due Time, as sure as this Paper is in your Hand; but in Case you should, on whatever Pretence, slight this Demand, you may depend upon it, it will be doubled upon you; nor can I give you any such Security, as you have above, for the refunding of it. This is all that at this Time it imports you to know of, or from,

Worthy Sir,

Tamtallon, Dec. 31, 1730. Your very humble Servant,

PHALANET.

P. S. Mind *Berwick Law* is the Word, thrice to be repeated, after three Raps at the Door or Window, which, whatever else you do, I hope you will not reveal, least some in our Name should decoy both you and us of the Money.

To the Rev. Mr. Archibald Deans, Minister of the Gospel at Bowden, to be left at Provost Robson's Shop Jedburgh —— Haste and Care.

Bristol, Jan. 6. Last Friday an odd Accident happen'd at the Ostrich on Durdham Down, when a Person came into the House with a Brace of Pistols, which he carelessly laid down in the Kitchen; the Mistress of the House taking up one of 'em, ask'd if they were charg'd; and he saying No, she snap'd it three several times at Mr. West, who keeps the Bell in Broad-street, and once at her Sister; who taking the Pistol from her, and steping into the Pantry, she only snap'd it once and it fir'd, the Ball went thro' the Partition, and hit against an earthen Mug, which was the preserving Mr. West's Life a 4th time.

Glasbury in the County of *Radnor, Jan.* 8. A most barbarous Murder was committed on Monday Night last on John Williams of Cumback, a Carpenter, by stabbing him in the Throat and other Places, with a Knife, and beating out his Brains with a Stocking Axe, and cutting him in several other Places with the Axe, who thus was left dead upon the Floor in his Shirt. After the Murder was committed, the Door was lock'd, and the Key left under the Thatch where it used to be put. There was no Robbery committed, or Boxes broke open. He lay in the manner above-mention'd till Wednesday Morning. His only Brother William, whoused sometimes to lie with his Brother John, was about to marry William Williams of Fynongynid's the Butcher's Daughter; and the Night his Brother John was murder'd, he went to her at a very unseasonable Hour, with all his Cloaths bloody, which she washed and cleaned as well as she could. On Wednesday Morning William came to his Brother's, and abundance of the Neighbours being present, he owned the Knife that was all bloody to be his, which together with his bloody Cloaths and other Circumstances, and no Robbery committed, and no body to get by his Brother's Death but himself, though he denied the Fact, yet he was Yesterday committed to Presteign Jail by Justice Heyworth; and his Sweetheart is bound to appear at the next Assizes.

LONDON.

ON Sunday Divine Service was performed before their Majesties, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the three eldest Princesses, in the Chappel Royal at St. James's, by the Rev. Dr. Lynch; and before the Princesses Mary and Louisa in the Duke's Apartment by the Rev. Dr. Egerton; when the Duke of Dorset carried the Sword of State to and from the Chappel before their Majesties.

On Saturday Mr. Franklin, the supposed Printer of the Craftsman, was taken into Custody by Mr. Gordon, one of his Majesty's Messengers, by virtue of a Warrant from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle; three other Messengers who assisted, seized all his Papers and Manuscripts that they could find; and carried him away to Mr. Gordon's House in Stretton's Ground, Westminster. He was admitted to Bail on Tuesday.

The same Night Mrs. Nutt, Mrs. Dodd, and Mrs. Pearce, three Mercuries, were taken into Custody of one of his Majesty's Messengers, for publishing the said Craftsman, and were admitted to Bail on Tuesday.

This Week was paid at the Custom-House in London, a great Number of Debentures for the 15 *per Cent.* and other Duties, without abating any thing, or pretending to the Right of any Fee due for the same; and, we hear, very soon will be published an Account of the lawful Fees due to the several Officers of the Customs, whereby it will appear, that great part of the Fees paid at the Custom-House in London, are contrary to Law, and a great Burden to the Plantation and other Foreign Trades.

On Tuesday last the Society of College Youths rung a compleat Peal of 5040 Changes called *Plain Bob Triples* on the eight Bells of S. Mary le Bow, in three Hours and 40 Minutes; and on Saturday the 19th of December last, the said Society rung the same Peal on the eight Bells of St. Mary Overies in Southwark, being the first true Peals that ever were rung of that Length in either of those Steeples, and reckon'd by all impartial Judges in the Exercise to be extraordinary Performances, they being the heaviest Peals of Bells in London, each of the Tenors weighing upwards of 52 Hundred Weight.

His Majesty has order'd a Pension of 20 l. per Annum to be settled on such of the late King's Livery-Servants as are superannuated, and were unprovided for on the Establishment of his present Majesty's Houshold, to be paid by the Earl of Scarborough.

Friday next is appointed for the Election of an Assistant Surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

On Tuesday Thomas Wright was committed to Newgate by Clifford William Philips, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, on the Oath of John Simpson, for breaking open his Chamber Door, and feloniously stealing and carrying away a Suit of lac'd Headcloaths.

Patrick Gill was also committed to Newgate by Justice Blagny, upon the Oath of John Carrol, for being an Accomplice with him in robbing William Williams of several Goods.

On Monday last Edward Kynaston, L. L. D. one of the Fellows of All Souls College in Oxford, was made Commissary to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, in the room of Dr. John Harwood, deceased.

Tuesday Morning a Fire broke out in some Stables at the Horse and Trumpet in Crutched-Fryers, which destroy'd several Stables and Coach Houses adjoining, together with three fine Geldings, and a Coach belonging to Sir George Caswall; but through the Diligence of the Firemen, and other Assistance, it was prevented from doing any further Damage.

Tuesday Morning a Gentleman was attacked by three Foot-pads, on Finchley Common, who robbed him of nine Guineas and a Half, a Silver Watch, and made off with their Booty.

Last Wednesday Morning Mary Harvey, alias Macaig, broke out of the King's-Bench Prison, Southwark, where she was confined upon a Conviction of keeping a disorderly House, and for which Offence she was to have received Sentence next Term at the Court of King's-Bench, Westminster. Several other Prisoners escaped with her.

We hear that the Constables are in Search after several of the Gang of Fellows who of late have made it a Trade to rip off and carry away Lead from Houses, &c. and to steal Knockers from Doors, Sir John Gonson having granted his Warrant against 9 or 10 of them; and also against a Man and his Wife, who keep a Night Cellar, and are said, not only to harbour and entetain them, but to receive and help them to put off the Lead, which they steal.

On Thursday at the Sessions at Hicks's Hall, 2 Bills of Indictment were found against one Cook, now in the County Goal for Surrey, for sending two Letters to Persons in Middlesex, demanding Money, and in case of Refusal, threatning to burn their Houses, and destroy their Families; and Yesterday he was removed by Habeas Corpus from the said Goal to Newgate, in order to be tried this Sessions at the Old Bailey.

The same Day a Bill of Indictment was found by the Grand Jury at Hicks's-Hall, against 3 Men in Newgate, viz Baker, Welch and Row, and one Carol, an Irishman in New-Prison, for breaking open a Pawnbroker's Shop, and stealing thence Goods to a considerable Value. Also,

The same Day a Bill of Indictment was found against Nathaniel Pippin, now in Newgate, and Thomas Hall, now in Woodstreet Compter, (who was Evidence last Sessions at the Old Baily against Wm. Holland and John Smith, lately executed at Tyburn) for stealing a great Quantity of wet Linnen.

Yesterday began the Sessions at the Old Baily, the Particulars of which will be inserted in our next.

On Thursday Morning a Woman was found dead in a Field against Mr. Burton's Cow-House at Hoxton; a Piece of a Knife was found sticking in her Head, and a Knife under her Left Ear, which was very much cut. She was a Market-Woman, and had been the Evening before at a Publick House in Hoxton with her reputed Husband, and went with him from thence about 8 o'Clock that Evening.

On Friday, last Week, a Waterman at Thames Ditton, received a Gun of a Gentleman of that Place, to carry to London to be mended, and charged it, in order to shoot some Fowl on the River; his Boy taking the Gun to carry it to the Boat, thinking it not charged, having before examined it; as he went to the Water-side, met with a young Man, the Son of Mr. Twyne of that Place, who saying to him, Who made you a Gunner? the Boy wantonly presented the Piece, and immediately shot him dead on the Spot. The Jury have sat on him, and brought it in *Accidental*.

We hear from Canterbury, that the Office of Woodreeve to the Archbishop of Canterbury, is given to his Grace's Son-in-Law, William Churchhill, Esq; and not to a Nephew of Dr. Lynch.

They write from Gravely near Huntingdon, that on the 26th of December last an Inhabitant of that Village, Aged 63, was taken in committing a Rape on a Girl of no more than Eleven Years of Age, which 'tis said is not his first Crime of that Nature.

They wrote the following odd Account from Burlington in Pensilvania of the 12th of Oct. viz. That the People thereabouts believe some of their Sheep, Hogs and Cattle to be bewitched, caused several Men and Women they suspected to be taken up, and Trials to be made for detecting them; and in order thereto above 300 People assembled near the Governor's House for that Purpose, and a Pair of Scales being erected the suspected Persons were each weighed against a large Bible, but all of them vastly outweighing it, the accused were then ordered to be tied Head and Feet together, and put into a River, upon a Supposition that if they swam they must of Course be guilty, the Trial of which they offer'd to undergo, in case as many of their Accusers should be tried in the like manner; which being done, they all swam very boyant: This occasion'd no small Diversion, and made People believe their Innocence, and indeed that Persons tied in that manner would not easily sink.

We hear the New *Comedy*, call'd *The Lover*, was to have been play'd last *Friday*, and was afterwards design'd for *Tuesday* next; but the *Author* chose to defer it till *Wednesday*: The *Days before mention'd* happening to be the *Third* and *Sixth* of *Periander*, a New *Tragedy*, acting at the Theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Ecclesiastical Promotions. The Rev. Mr. Bundy, Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty, is presented to the Living of Chipping Barnet in Hertfordshire.—Wednesday the Rev. Mr. Craner was chosen Lecturer of St. Mildred's Bread-street.

Deaths. Last Week Major Garth, of the 4th Troop of Guards, died at his House in New Bond-street.—Last Week died Mr. Taverner, an eminent Proctor of the Arches in Doctor's Commons.——Sunday died at his House in Boswell-Court, after a long Indisposition, Sir Thomas Jones, Knt. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and Register for the County of Middlesex.——Monday died at Chelsea, the Lady of the Hon. Brigadier Hopkins, after a long Illness.——Last Week died Dr. Morton, an eminent Physician. —— Tuesday died at Richmond —— Sewell, Esq; First Clerk in the Six Clerks Office.

On Saturday the Rev. Mr. John Betty, Author of a famous Sermon publish'd about two Years ago, concerning *The Divine Mission of the Gospel Ministers*, was found dead in his Chambers at Exeter College, Oxon, of which House he was a Fellow: He was observed to go into his Chambers very well to all Appearance the Thursday Evening before, but not having been seen all Friday, on Saturday Morning his Doors were broke open, and he was found dead, but his Body not quite cold.

To the Author of the LONDON JOURNAL.

Theatre-Royal, Drury-Lane,

SIR, *Jan.* 8. 1730-31.

I Beg Room in your Paper, to wipe off an *Imputation* I lie under, of having design'd (in the *Attempt* I have made towards a *New Comedy* call'd *The Lover*,) to affront the *Gentlemen* of *Ireland*.

'I did not imagine I was considerable enough for any one to think it worth their while, to prejudice me in the Opinion of the Town, by any malicious Reports; but, since it so happens, I must beg Leave to declare,----I have not, thro' the whole Play, design'd any *Personal*, or *National Reflection*: My *Characters* are *general*, and *All* of *English* Growth.

'I have the Honour to be acquainted with some *Gentlemen* of *Ireland*, who so well deserve *That Name*, and for whom I have so particular a Value, and Esteem, That alone were sufficient, to prevent my being guilty of so unpardonable an Error: 'Tis not in my Nature to be ungrateful, which I must have been, to some of my best Friends, by such proceeding; nor could I have forgiven my self.

'Should I unhappily fail of giving the Pleasure I propose, I hope at least to *offend none*.

'*Another Report* spread abroad is, that my *Father* is the *Real Author*: In Answer to which I solemnly declare, *He never saw* the *Play*, is wholly *unacquainted* with the *Subject*, and entirely *unaccountable* (whether good, bad, or indifferent) for any *one Line* in it. But, should the Audience be pleased, that Satisfaction will have more Effect on me, than the Mortification of the Praise being given to another.

'Had I not some *tolerable Opinion* of the Play, I should think it too *presuming*, to offer it to the *Publick*; yet, am so far from building on a vain Opinion of my own Capacity, I must confess, my Hopes of Success depend, more on the *Indulgence* of the *Town*, than any particular Merit in the *Piece*. Nor had I ventured to appear in the Light of an *Author*, but from a Belief, a *Moderate New Play* might probably pass, at a Time, when our *Auditors* from frequent Repetition) are almost as perfect as the *Actors*, in the best *Old Plays*.

'I must beg Leave to add;---- Tho' a close Attendance to my Business has rendered it impracticable, for me *Personally* to wait on All who usually honour me with their Appearance:----Yet I humbly hope the Favour of their Company and Interest on this Occasion. *Places* may be taken at *Cook's* the *Box keeper*, and the *Auth r's Tickets* may be had at his *Lodgings* in the *Playhouse Passage*.

'Sir, I ask Pardon of your Readers, for this Trial of their Patience, and of you, for taking up so much Room in your Paper. *I am*,

Your Humble Servant,

THEO CIBBER.

Thursday South Sea Stock was 104 for the Opening. South Sea Annuity 106 1 half. Bank 143 1 8th. Bank Circulation 5 l. 15 s. Prem. India 191 1 qr. for the Opening. Three per Cent. Annuity 97 for ditto. Royal Exchange Assurance 96 3 qrs. for ditto. London Assurance 12 1 qr. York Buildings 2 s. African 49 1 half for ditto. English Copper 3 l. Welch Copper 2 l. 19 s. South Sea Bonds 5 l. 2 s. India Bonds 5 l. 13 s.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key.

	per Quarter.		per Quarter.
Wheat	22 to 28	Hog Pease	14 to 15
Rye	13 to 14	Pease	17 to 19
Barley	12 to 15	Pale Malt	16 to 21
Oates	8 to 13	Brown Malt	16 to 18 6
Horse Beans	14 to 20	Tares	20 to 25

Coals 27 to 28 s. Chaldron.
Hops 1729—20 to 35 s. per Hundred.
Hops 1730—40 to 80 s. per Hundred.
Rape Seed —12 l. to 12 l. 10 s. per Last.

The Publick General CORRESPONDENCE *of Affairs for* Improving *Money, Trade and Estates, &c.*

Such Persons as want to LEND or BORROW considerabe Sums of Money, on good Securities, may very probably soon be served therein.

A Person wants to buy a saleable PLACE or OFFICE during Life, fit for a Gentleman, and can spare 3000 or 4000 l. or more.

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A WELL EDUCATED YOUTH may be placed out, with some Money, for about Five Years, with a Gentleman who will take Care to breed him up in, and well qualify him for Business.

ESTATES *which some Persons want to* BUY.

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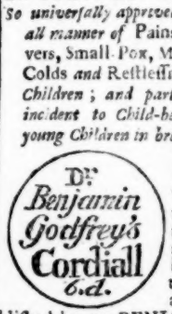

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